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ARMSTRONG		Game 1												USC AIKEN	
4	Final (9)	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	R	H	E	18	
	ARMSTRONG (10-7)	0	0	0	0	0	1	3	0	0	4	8	3		
	USC AIKEN (14-4)	5	0	5	0	3	1	0	4	X	18	21	1		

ARMSTRONG		Game 2												USC AIKEN	
7	Final	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	R	H	E	4	
	ARMSTRONG (11-6)	3	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	2	7	10	1		
	USC AIKEN (13-5)	0	0	0	2	1	0	0	0	1	4	9	1		





Posted: Mar 09, 2014

AIKEN, S.C. - The Armstrong Atlantic State University baseball squad split a Peach Belt Conference doubleheader with No. 14-ranked USC Aiken on Sunday at Roberto Hernandez Stadium in Aiken, S.C. USC Aiken took game one, 18-4, but the Pirates took game two, 7-4.

Armstrong (11-7, 7-5 PBC) earned the split behind senior **Ethan Bader**'s complete-game performance. Bader improved to 5-0 on the season by striking out seven and giving up four runs - three earned - and nine hits in nine innings of work.

Freshman **Ryan Patterson**'s three-run home run in the first inning staked the Pirates to an early 3-0 lead. USC Aiken got two back in the

Game 1

BATTING

ARMSTRONG

2B: Cody Sherlin; Zach Lance; Clayton Miller

3B: none

HR: none

USC AIKEN

2B: Belcher; Costen 2; Donath; Miller

3B: G. Smith

fourth on a sacrifice fly by TJ Costen and an RBI double by Ryan Metzler.

Clayton Miller's RBI single in the fifth pushed the lead to 4-2 in the fifth inning, but the Pacers got one back in the bottom of the fifth on a Tyler Moore RBI single.

Joey Lupus added an RBI single in the sixth inning to make the score 5-3. Miller added a pair of RBIs on a single in the top of the ninth, while USC Aiken capped the scoring in the bottom of the ninth on a solo home run by Ryan Metzler.

Taylor Peed (2-1) took the loss for the Pacers, giving up seven hits and five runs in 5 1/3 innings of work, walking one while striking out three.

Miller went 3-for-5 with three RBIs, while Patterson finished the game 2-for-4 with three RBIs to lead Armstrong at the plate in game two. Moore and Metzler each had three hits for the Pacers.

USC Aiken (14-5, 6-3 PBC) scored five runs in the first and third innings of game one of the doubleheader to jump out to a 10-0 lead and cruise to the 18-4 victory.

The Pacers pounded out 21 hits in the contest and hit three home runs - two coming from Matt Bosse and one from Kody Belcher - in the victory. USC Aiken's Danny Wissmann (4-0) picked up the win, giving up seven hits and four runs in 6 2/3 innings of work, walking one while striking out nine.

Armstrong's Mitchell Dolan (0-3) took the loss on the mound in game one, giving up eight hits and nine runs - six earned - in 2 2/3 innings of work, walking two and striking out two.

Cody Sherlin and Zach Lance each had two hits to lead Armstrong offensively in game one. Bosse's 2-for-6 day with two home runs and six RBIs paced the Pacers.

Armstrong returns to action on Tuesday, March 11, hosting Wingate in a 6:00 p.m. non-conference contest at Historic Grayson Stadium in Savannah.



HR: Belcher; Bosse 2

FULL STATS

Game 2	
BATTING	
ARMSTRONG	
2B:	Cody Sherlin
3B:	none
HR:	Ryan Patterson
USC AIKEN	
2B:	Bosse; Metzler
3B:	Moore
HR:	Metzler

FULL STATS

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